

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

(64) 1. (Currently Amended) ~~I claim a~~ A billiard training ball ~~of having a~~ generally spherical outer surface, comprising:

- (a) a substantially opaque inner core ~~means~~, having a predetermined size, that visibly serves as ~~an optimum~~ a target at which to aim a cue stick when addressing said billiard training ball, and
- (b) a sufficiently transparent outer covering of a predetermined size, surrounding and encasing said inner core ~~means~~, wherein said outer covering displays said inner core ~~means~~ and provides an outer surface circumference ~~compliant with billiard ball standards~~, whereby said billiard training ball can be used as a device to practice cueing technique when striking said billiard training ball with the cue stick directed toward said inner core ~~means~~, in order to impart spin or no spin while limiting deflection to said billiard training ball.

2. (New) A billiard training ball having a generally spherical outer surface, comprising:

- (a) a substantially translucent inner core having a predetermined size, that visibly serves as a target at which to aim a cue stick when addressing said billiard training ball, and
  - (b) a sufficiently translucent outer covering of a predetermined size, surrounding and encasing said inner core ~~means~~, wherein said outer covering displays said inner core and provides an outer surface circumference,
- whereby said billiard training ball can be used as a device to practice cueing technique when striking said billiard training ball with the cue stick directed toward said inner core, in order to impart spin or no spin while limiting deflection to said billiard training ball.

3. (New) A billiard training ball having a generally spherical outer surface, comprising:

(a) a substantially opaque and translucent inner core having a predetermined size, that visibly serves as a target at which to aim a cue stick when addressing said billiard training ball, and

(b) a sufficiently transparent and translucent outer covering of a predetermined size, surrounding and encasing said inner core means, wherein said outer covering displays said inner core and provides an outer surface circumference,

whereby said billiard training ball can be used as a device to practice cueing technique when striking said billiard training ball with the cue stick directed toward said inner core in order to impart spin or no spin while limiting deflection to said billiard training ball.

4. (New) The billiard training ball of claim 1, wherein said inner core appears larger to the human eye than it actually is.

5. (New) The billiard training ball of claim 1, wherein said inner core has an actual diameter of between 18-19 mm.

6. (New) The billiard training ball of claim 1, wherein said billiard training ball is approximately the same weight as a standard cue ball.

7. (New) A method of using a billiard training ball having a substantially opaque and/or translucent inner core of a predetermined size and a sufficiently transparent and/or translucent outer covering of a predetermined size, comprising the steps of:

aligning a cue stick with the training ball; and

striking the training ball with the cue stick directed toward the inner core in order to impart spin or no spin while limiting deflection to the training ball.

8. (New) The billiard training ball of claim 2, wherein said inner core appears larger to the human eye than it actually is.

9. (New) The billiard training ball of claim 2, wherein said inner core has an actual diameter of between 18-19 mm.

10. (New) The billiard training ball of claim 2, wherein said billiard training ball is approximately the same weight as a standard cue ball.

11. (New) The billiard training ball of claim 3, wherein said inner core appears larger to the human eye than it actually is.

12. (New) The billiard training ball of claim 3, wherein said inner core has an actual diameter core of between 18-19 mm.

13. (New) The billiard training ball of claim 3, wherein said billiard training ball is approximately the same weight as a standard cue ball.

14. (New) The billiard training ball of claim 1, wherein said inner core has an actual diameter of 27 mm.

15. (New) The billiard training ball of claim 1, wherein said inner core has an actual diameter of 25 mm.

16. (New) The billiard training ball of claim 2, wherein said inner core has an actual diameter of 27 mm.

17. (New) The billiard training ball of claim 2, wherein said inner core has an actual diameter of 25 mm.

18. (New) The billiard training ball of claim 2, wherein said inner core has an actual diameter of 27 mm.

19. (New) The billiard training ball of claim 3, wherein said inner core has an actual diameter of 25 mm.